

3. Minnesota Office of Higher Education Report.

*MINITEX Criteria Update*

- *I'm working with the two year colleges and other smaller colleges to improve access to online information, especially of electronic subscriptions including ELM resources. For example, one college obtained passwords for each ELM vendor for their students and faculty members to remember and use.*
- *My objective is to provide improved access to online information resources for students and faculty in two year colleges in Minnesota within our means.*
- *Within MnSCU, a \*proxy server program exists that a few of the two year colleges are not using due to budget constraints. I am assisting them in subscribing to this service through MnPALS for calendar year 2009. However, they'll have to pick up the costs afterwards since I don't believe MINITEX will be able to continue even on a partial basis. Cost is \$600 per year with \$500 one time setup costs)*
- *Most if not all the four-year colleges are benefiting from MINITEX subsidies of scholarly databases. The two year colleges do not usually subscribe to scholarly resources so, as a rule, are not involved in those subsidies.*
- *Since some of these two year colleges are the ones on the MINITEX list of libraries not meeting its Resource Sharing Criteria, I am hopeful this is another way of opening up some dialogues with these institutions. I am working with Stephen and Todd at MnSCU to assist in opening this dialogue.*
- *The following libraries are in line for this project at this time:*
  - *Vermilion Community College*
  - *Itasca Community College*
  - *Rainy River Community College*
- *I have a list of additional libraries that I am contacting to see if this is possible on their campus.*

\* *EZ Proxy Server: A simple rewriting pass-through proxy system designed especially for libraries. For patrons who are off-site and wish to access a library's IP restricted journals, databases, full text retrieval system, this provides a solution. Patrons can use their barcode and password to authenticate against the MnPALS Library system or a local e-mail username/password or institutions' computer login.*